

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 DAR ES 04548 101200Z

55

ACTION AF-08

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-01

INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15

USIA-06 /066 W

----- 075442

R 101110Z DEC 76

FM AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3445

INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

AMCONSUL ZANZIBAR

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE DAR ES SALAAM 4548

E.O.11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, TZ, UG, KE

SUBJECT: TANZANIAN PRESS DENOUNCES KENYA

REF: DAR ES SALAAM 4510

1. BOTH MAJOR TANZANIAN DAILIES REACTED TO KENYAN GOVERNMENT STATEMENT REBUTTING PRESIDENT NYERERE'S RECENT CRITICISM OF KENYA (REFTEL) AS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE WOES OF THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY. TEXT OF KENYAN STATEMENT HAS NOT BEEN PRINTED LOCALLY, BUT LARGE PERCENTAGE OF ENGLISH-LANGUAGE NEWSPAPER READERS SAW IT IN DEC 8 ISSUE OF NAIROBI DAILY NATION, WHICH CIRCULATES WIDELY HERE.

2. GOVERNMENT OWNED TANZANIAN DAILY NEWS ON DEC 10 CARRIED EDITORIAL HEADLINED "KENYA'S LIES ON EAST AFRICAN COMMON MARKET", IN WHICH IT DESCRIBED KENYAN GOVERNMENT STATEMENT AS CONTAINING: "A NUMBER OF INSINUATIONS, TENDENTIOUS REMARKS, HALF-TRUTHS, OUTRIGHT LIES AND EVEN JINGOISTIC BRAVADO". EDITORIAL ACCUSES KENYA OF VIOLATING 1967 EAST AFRICAN TREATY: "WE CAN CITE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE COMMUNITY HEADQUARTERS OVER WHICH KENYA DRAGGED ITS FEET, THE BREAK-UP OF THE RAILWAYS, THE VIOLATION OF RULES GOVERNING CIVIL AVIATION, THE SACKING OF UGANDAN AND TANZANIAN NATIONALS

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 DAR ES 04548 101200Z

WORKING FOR THE COMMUNITY IN KENYA, ETC."

3. EDITORIAL DOES NOT DENY KENYAN CHARGE THAT TANGOV VIOLATED TREATY BY GIVING PREFERENCE TO CHINESE CONSUMER GOODS UNDER THE TAZARA RAILWAY AGREEMENT, BUT SAYS KENYA NEVER COMPLAINED THROUGH TREATY'S DISPUTE-SOLVING MECHANISMS. IT ADDED, "THE AGREEMENT HAS BEEN FULFILLED AND TANZANIA IS NO LONGER OBLIGED TO IMPORT CHINESE GOODS".

4. EDITORIAL CONCLUDES "TRUTH OF THE MATTER IS THAT IF LENYA WINDS UP THE COMMUNITY, SHE WILL NOT EAT HER CAKE AND HAVE IT. WHAT WE DO AFTER THE COMMUNITY IS WOUND UP IS NOBODY'S BUSINESS AND CERTAINLY NOT KENYA'S BUSINESS". EDITORIAL IS TO BE CONTINUED IN A LATER ISSUE.

5. SWAHILI-LANGUAGE UHURU OF DEC 10 ALSO HAS EDITORIAL CONDEMNING KENYA, THOUGH IT AVOIDS MENTIONING IT BY NAME. NOTING THAT COUNTRIES CAN CHOOSE TO BE CIVILIZED OR SCOUNDRELLY, IT ACCUSES "ONE" EAST AFRICAN COUNTRY OF BEING THE LATTER, CITING THE USUAL ARGUMENTS. "IT IS CLEAR THAT THESE ACTS ARE ATTACKING THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY FOR THE BENEFIT OF A FEW FAT CATS IN ONE EAST AFRICAN COUNTRY".

LEVIN

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PRESS COMMENTS, FOREIGN POLICY POSITION
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 10 DEC 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: ElyME
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976DARES04548
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760456-1195
From: DAR ES SALAAM
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19761255/aaaabvbk.tel
Line Count: 83
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION AF
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 76 DAR ES SALAAM 4510
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: ElyME
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 19 MAY 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <19 MAY 2004 by BoyleJA>; APPROVED <13 SEP 2004 by ElyME>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: TANZANIAN PRESS DENOUNCES KENYA
TAGS: PFOR, TZ, UG, KE, (NYERERE, JULIUS K)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006